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CIAO, ROMA!

SYDNEY CLASH GREAT SOCCER FIESTA

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Sunday is a red-letter day for Sydney soccer when a capacity house of 43,000 is expected to see the very first Italian team in action.

AS Roma, one of the giants of Italian "Calcio" will face a determined, fit and far from complex-ridden NSW team.

This match will provide a wonderful opportunity to see what the difference is between top European sides of various nationalities.

Sunday's clash is certain to have just what we so often lacked in past internationals: atmosphere.

The colorful AS Roma, the eager-beaver NSW team as well as the vociferous crowd will see to that.

Roman holiday over?

What of the chances?

A fair measure of uncertainty, if not mystery, surrounds AS Roma's Sunday match against NSW at the Sydney Showground.

Don't forget that the day before their Sydney match they will play in Newcastle.

And having only 16 players at their disposal, they will not be in the happy position to rest some of their stars.

Last week's match in Melbourne probably convinced the Romans that they can forget about their "catenaccio" while in Australia.

This is not the tough Italian league and there is no need to play with a "libero" or sweeper as if they were facing Inter or Bologna.

Should they decide to open up their game — and should they be capable of it by instinct — the crowd would surely get first class entertainment.

The NSW team is one of the youngest and strongest on record.

The team will also have more cohesion than most State sides of the past with the possible exception of the 1959 Saprissa-beating combinations.

The NSW defence is capable of playing a tight game; they have speed, positional intelligence and also physical strength to keep the Romans at bay.

The forward line, however, could be stronger.

On paper it looks formidable — except that Watkiss and Blue are the only "strikers" while the others work mainly midfield.

Whether this will be sufficient to get the ball past the giant Cudicini remains to be seen.

Needless to say the visitors will start favorites.

They have the superior skill, stamina and experience to come through this match with flying colors.

But we will be more than surprised if NSW were to be outclassed.

Roma may win by one or two goals — but don't expect an avalanche.

RICCARDO DA SILVA

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A. MARNOCH 5

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W. RORKE 1

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BEARING GIFTS LIKE ANCIENT, TRUE ROMANS

Romans, friends and countrymen will share in a massive exchange of gifts during the Italian team's Australian stay.

AS Roma have come with 18 bags containing nothing but souvenirs of their tour.

Australian players, officials and ordinary fans will be presented with autographed team photos, miniature cups, flags, badges, keyrings and car stickers, all bearing the AS Roma emblem.

Naturally, the Romans will also receive presents of all kinds from local Federations, the ASF as well as the many clubs that will entertain them.

Ample pocket money

Apart from gifts, AS Roma have brought along 68 pieces of luggage containing balls, gear, medicine, etc., as well as their personal effects.

The three Italian journalists travelling with Roma are certainly earning their keep.

After last Sunday's match they cabled thousands of words to their Rome newspapers.

The Roman players are the most affluent ever to visit Australia.

They have ample pocket money and all settle their own bills — if not those of their guests.

This alone is expected to save the ASF about $3,000 on the originally budgeted entertainment expenses.

"The best behaved soccer team together with Torpedo Moscow", was the unanimous verdict of ASF and Victorian officials on the well heeled, affluent Romans.

Sergio Spanio, the top goalscorer last Sunday, is the life of the touring party.

"Another Brian Harris of Everton", according to Jim Bayutti who spent five days with the Romans in Melbourne last week.

In Sydney, AS Roma will stay at the Mona Hall Hotel, Darling Point, and eat all their meals at the White City-Milano Restaurant, Rushcutter's Bay.

The tourists will train at Marks Field at 10 a.m. Monday and Tuesday and fly to Brisbane for the Saturday match against Queensland at 9.35 a.m. on Wednesday.

They will be back in Sydney on Sunday afternoon for Monday's match against Australia.

For great stars all roads lead to Roma

The names of world class players who have worn AS Roma's jersey read like a soccer "Who's Who."

In the 1920s and 1930s they had such stars as Allemandi (24 caps), Monzeglio (35), and Bernardini (26).

Wing half or inside forward Attilio Ferraris, also known as Ferraris IV, gained 28 caps and right winger Guaita were both members of the Italian team that won the 1934 World Cup.

Serantoni, with 17 caps to his credit, played right half in the victorious Italian World Cup team in 1934.

For long known as "big buyers" of foreign talent, AS Roma have had many great overseas stars in their ranks.

From Argentina they had Guaita, Scopelli, Stagnaro and more recently Manfredini, Lojacono and Angelillo and from Uruguay Ghiggia and Schiaffino.

Ghiggia scored Uruguay's winning goal in the 1950 World Cup final while Schiaffino, member of the 1954 Uruguayan World Cup team, is still considered the most polished ball-player ever to play in Rome.

The Brazilian Sormani also played for Roma in recent years as have the Dane Brownee, the great Swedes Gunnar Nordahl, Bergmark and Jonsson and the famous Welsh "gentle giant", John Charles.

AS Roma have won only one Italian league championship, in 1941-42.

To put it bluntly, they seldom equalled the successes of such Italian giants as Juventus, Ambrosiana (later Inter Milan), AC Milan and Bologna.

However, they usually managed to stay in the top bracket.

Since the introduction of the professional "Liga Nazionale" AS Roma have finished 19 times in the first six on the table.

Only Inter, AC Milan, Juventus, Bologna and Fiorentina have a better record.

Twice they finished runners-up (1930-31 and 1935-36) and twice they were third (1931-32 and 1954-55).

If you consider that the Italian first division now has 18 teams (previously it was usually 16), being in the six must be rated as a fine record.

Intra-city rivalry in Italian soccer has always been significant.

In Turin you have Juventus and FC Torino, in Milan Inter and AC Milan, in Genoa Sampdoria and Genoa.

In Rome it has been Lazio and AS Roma, the two big rivals.

In the 1930s Lazio ,with the brilliant Silvio Piola leading the attack, forged somewhat to the front.

However, over the years AS Roma have managed to remain the Eternal City's first soccer outfit.

Rivalry with Lazio

So far the two have met 82 times in competition matches for 35 Roma wins, 24 Lazio wins and 23 draws.

Being the top scorer in the tough, highly competitive Italian "Liga" has always carried much distinction.

In years gone by such immortals have headed the list as Meazza, Petrone, Borel, Piola, Mazzola, Boniperti, Nyers, Nordahl, Sivori, Charles, Altafini and others.

AS Roma players have gained this honor several times in the past.

The last to do so was the Argentinian-born Manfredini.

Befora him Volk, Guaita, Michelini, Amadei and Da Costa had also been among Italy's leading scorers.

Guido Masetti who is coach of AS Roma during the Australian tour, is a former Roma star himself.

He was member of the team that won in 1941-42 the highly coveted Italian "scudetto", the championshp ribbon.

In the late 1930s he played twice for Italy in goal.

He was rather unfortunate to have been the contemporary of such immortals as Combi and Olivieri.

In fact, Masetti's best years fell between the reigns of these two world class goalkeepers who for years had dominated the Italian scene.

Other great custodians of Masetti's era were Ceresoli, Gianni, Sclavi, Peruchetti and Venturini.

Until 1965 AS Roma's coach was the Argentinian Juan Carlos Lorenzo.

At present he is one of the men in charge of the Argentine World Cup squad.

ROMA CLUB RE-FORMED

Associazione Sportiva Roma was formed in 1927, the second year of the Italian national league.

The club came about from the amalgamation of three Roman clubs: Alba-Audace, Fortitudo and Roman.

Alba were founded in 1911, Fortitudo in 1906 while Roman in 1903.

All had a fair measure of success before finally joining forces under their new name.

Fortitudo lost the final play-off for first place to Pro Vercelli in 1922 while Alba had the same fate, in 1925, against Bologna and in 1926 against Juventus.

AS Roma play their home matches in Rome's magnificent Stadio Olimpico.

This stadium, used for the 1960 Rome Olympics, was started during Mussolini's regime.

Then it was called Foro Italico.

Rome's address is Viale Tiziano, 3-5, Rome.

Roma in Newcastle

Rugged Novocastrians will test tourists

Newcastle's team for Saturday's match against AS Roma will be a blend of experience and youthful talent.

Northern officials are hopeful that a near record crowd of more than 20,000 will turn up at the Newcastle Sports Ground and they are also confident that the Newcastle XI will repeat last year's good display against Chelsea.

Although Chelsea won the match 6-2, the score did not reflect the general trend of play because the locals had much more of the ball than the score indicates.

The Newcastle team will have the distinction of having more Australian-born players than any other representative side in Australia.

This is the Newcastle team: J. Dorman (Awaba); R. Bullen (Wallsend), C. Curran (Adamstown); C. Cameron (Adamstown), T. Garrett (Wallsend), L. Lloyd (Newcastle Austral); K. Twidle (Newcastle Austral), A. Oldham (Newcastle Austral), R. Baartz (Adamstown), D. Wright (Lake Macquarie), B. Morrow (Wallsend). **Reserves:** K. Gabriel (Lake Macquarie), T. Hinchcliffe (Lake Macquarie), R. Reynolds (Awaba).

Two of Newcastle's players have had experience in Sydney — goalie Dorman with Corinthians and left winger Bruce Morrow with APIA.

The team's centre half is the former Blackpool star Tom Garrett and the centre forward, young 18-year-old Ray Baartz, who was on Manchester United's books as a professional last season.

Newcastle will rely on their characteristical rugged, direct style of play to upset the polished Italian professionals.

AS Roma will have to be on their guard for the whole match, otherwise the strong-running Novocastrians will throw out a big challenge and give the visitors the fright of their lives.

Roma, however, will start firm favorites, and could give a brilliant display now that they have had 12 days to acclimatise.

W.D. & H.O. Wills, the makers of Craven Filter cigarettes, in association with the A.S.F., have brought to Australia the world-renowned A.S. Roma soccer team to play in the W.D. & H.O. Wills International Soccer series.

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Other Matches . . .

A.S. ROMA v. NEWCASTLE, Newcastle Sports Ground, 4th June.

A.S. ROMA v. QUEENSLAND, Brisbane Exhibition Ground, 11th June.

A.S. ROMA v. AUSTRALIA, Sydney Showground, 13th June.

A.S. ROMA v. VICTORIA, Olympic Park, 19th June.

A.S. ROMA v. SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Kensington Sports Field, 25th June.

A.S. ROMA v. WESTERN AUSTRALIA, Perry Lakes Stadium, 3rd July.

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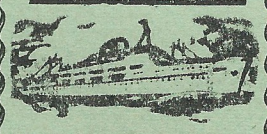

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COLORFUL MIXTURE OF LATIN TALENT IN SIDE

As Roma, while without brilliant international stars the calibre of Facchetti, Corso, Mazzola or Rivera, have many well established players in their ranks.

The team now in Australia includes one full international, several "B" and youth internationals, a Brazilian and a Peruvian.

Here are the full personal details of the AS Roma players, published for the first time in Australia:

● **CUDICINI,** Fabio (20/10/1935), goalkeeper, originally from Trieste, started with Udinese in 1955, joined Roma in 1958. Extremely tall, agile, twice "B" international.

● **GINULFI,** Alberto (30/11/1941), goalkeeper, Roma's own prdouct. On the smallish side, as he stands at only 5ft. 7 in. but with brilliant reflexes. Has played several times in first team, is now Cudicini's understudy.

● **ARDIZZON,** Mario (2/1/1938), from Chioggia, fullback. Started with Clodia di Chioggia, passed on to Venezia in 1956, to Roma in 1963. Tall and powerful, was on the verge of World Cup selection this year.

● **TOMASIN,** Glauco (14/10/1939), fullback, plays on either side. Began his career with AS Aquileia, then joined Sampdoria in 1955 and Roma in 1964. Small but a fine tackler.

● **SENSIBILE,** Aldo (18/12/1947), fullback, from Lecco. Joined Roma last year from III. division Lecco where he was the club's own product.

● **LOSI,** Giacomo (10/9 1935), stopper and captain, 11 times full and twice "B" international. Born at Soncino where he started playing, he later joined Cremonese (1951) and then Roma (1955). Small, balding but a superb defender.

● **CAPPELLI,** Francesco (17/9/1943), wing half, born at Barberino d'Elsa, played with Siena before joining III. division Roman semi-professional club Tevere Roma, a nursery of AS Roma whose president until recently was Dr. Franco Evangelisti, now AS Roma's chief.

● **CARPANESI,** Sergio 21/3/1936), from La Spezia, wing half. Started his senior career with Fiorentina in 1953, then played with Palermo and SPAL before joining Roma in 1961. A "B" international, sometimes plays at inside forward.

● **BENAGLIA,** Renato (24/3/1938), wing half, from Valeggio sul Mincio. As junior played with Juventus de Fano, in 1959 joined Fiorentina, went to Catania and returned to Fiorentina in 1963. Signed by Roma last season. Skilled ballplayer of the attacking type.

● **BENITEZ,** Victor (30/10/1936), wing half or inside forward, born at Lima, Peru. Played with Messina in 1963, then with AC Milan, was member of team that won European Cup final in London against Benfica, joined Roma last year. Colorful player of great skill.

● **LEONARDI,** Lamberto (8/8/1939), a born Roman, usually plays at right wing. AS Roma's home grown product, was loaned to Modena in 1961, returned in 1962. Possesses tremendous speed and powerful shots, also a fair measure of aggressiveness.

● **TAMBORINI,** Giuseppe (19/3/1943), born at Lacchiarella, inside forward. In his first years played with Bramante di Milano and Solbiatese, then the crack Sampdoria before joining Roma in 1964. A grafter but also great shot.

● **DA SILVA,** Jose Riccardo (11/9/1939), born at Forta Lesa, Brazil, centre forward. Played with famous Botafogo of Rio, joined Sampdoria in 1962, Roma in 1965. Tall, strong and a great goalgrabber.

● **FRANCESCONI,** Fulvio (19/11/1944), born at Russi, inside forward. Played with Como before joining Roma. Medium height, fast and extremely talented.

● **SPANIO,** Angelo (4/10 1939), born at Venezia, inside forward. Played with Parma and Napoli before signed by Roma last year. Ideal linkman in the 4-3-3 system, works his lungs out during a match.

● **ENZO,** Fabio (22/6 1946), inside forward. Tall and powerful, he is groomed to lead the Roman attack next season. Born at Venezia, he played there as a junior before joining III. division Salernitana of Salerno where he was coached by former famed Austrian "wonder goalie", Rudy Hiden. Signed by Roma very recently for a reportedly high figure.

A hearty message of welcome to Roma

By J. Bayutti,

ASF Tour Chairman

I take the opportunity offered to me by SOCCER WORLD to welcome the AS Roma team upon their arrival in Australia.

I am certain that my welcome will be shared by my colleagues in the Australian Soccer Federation, all State Federations, W. D. and H. O. Wills (Australia) Ltd., and the hundreds of thousands of Italian migrants now resident in this country.

In Melbourne, Newcastle, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth the Australian sports-minded public will cheer you with the traditional and generous enthusiasm for which they are well-known on every occasion when international sporting fixtures are played in this country.

To you Cav. Biancone, your officials, the representatives of the Italian Press and the 16 players of the Roma team we convey our fervent best wishes and are certain that every match between your team and the Australian and State teams will be played with reciprocal sportsmanship and the loyal tenacity which has been the trademark of AS Roma over the last 50 years in Italian soccer.

Colgo l'occasione offertami dal SOCCER WORLD di Sydney per salutare calorosamente l'arrivo della Roma in Australia.

Inoltre, sono certo che nel darvi il benvenuto interpretero' sinceramente i sentimenti dei miei colleghi dell'Australian Soccer Federation, delle Federazioni Statali, della W. D. and H. O. Wills e delle decine di migliaia d'Italiani residenti nel Nuovissimo Continente.

Dagli Stadi gremiti di Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth e Newcastle, gli sportivi d'Australia vi applaudiranno con quell'entusiasmo generoso e tradizionale di cui il Popolo Australiano e'Maestro in tutte le manifestazione sportive internazionali.

A Lei, Cav. Biancone, ai Suoi Colleghi, ai rappresentanti della Stampa Italiana ed ai sedici Atleti della Roma, vada il nostro sincero e fervido augurio; certissimi che gl'incontri fra le rappresentative d'Australia e Statali saranno disputate sotto l'insegna della sportivita' reciproca con la tenacia leale che l'AS Roma ha saputo dimostrare negli ultimi cinquant anni di storia del Calcio Italiano.

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Our past record includes some fine deeds

Against AS Roma, on Sunday, NSW will be playing their 12th international match since the inception of the Federation nine years ago.

NSW's Federation record reads: won 4, drew 3, lost 4; goals scored: 30, goals conceded: 25.

The State team's first match under Federation control was in May 1959 against Deportiva Saprissa at the Sydney Sportsground and the most recent was at Wentworth Park on October 24 last year against Auckland, New Zealand.

This is NSW's international Federation record:

v. Deportiva Saprissa (Costa Rica): 4-2, 6-1, 4-2 (1959).
v. Fiji 9-2 (1961).
v. Everton 1-4 (1964).
v. Torpedo Moscow 1-1, 0-1 (1965).
v. Chelsea 0-5 (1965).
v. Hapoel Tel Aviv 1-1 (1965).
v. New Caledonia 2-4 (1965).
v. Auckland 2-2 (1965).

Here are the line-ups of every NSW Federation team in the past:

v. Deportiva Saprissa

Lord; Aird, Jones; Sherwin, Curry, Scheinflug; Moore, Tamandl, Baumgartner, Sagi, Jaros.

Salisbury and Vasvary also played in some of the three matches against the Costa Ricans.

v. Fiji

Lord; Erwin Ninaus, Sherwin; Tamandl, Curry, Quested; Galeczka, Wentzel, Herbert Ninaus, Jeffrey, Jaros.

v. Everton

Lord, Stojanovic, Sherwin; Hughes, M. Woods, Jaros; Blitz, Smith, Baumgartner, Scheinflug, Schauman (Gauto).

v. Torpedo*

Rhodes; Edwards, P. Woods; Hughes, Hetherington, Scheinflug; Blitz, Tamandl, Ninaus, Gauto (Bischoff), Reynolds (Pearson).

v. Torpedo

Rhodes; Edwards, P. Woods; Hughes, Stojanovic, Scheinflug; Blitz, Dacevski, Ninaus, Giacometti, Fernandez.

v. Chelsea

Corry; Edwards, P .Woods, Hughes, Stojanovic, Dunaj; Blitz, Giacometti, Ninaus (Fernandez), Scheinflug, Reynolds (Lazarevic).

v. Hapoel*

Rorke; Edwards, Falzon; Gawlik, Marnoch, Scheinflug; Fekete, Reynolds, Goldie (Bischoff), Hood, Sleight (Pacanin).

v. New Caledonia

Roberts; Petric, Ackerley; Hughes, Marnoch, Schaefer; Pearson, Warren, Christie, Watkiss, D. Todd.

v. Auckland

Corry; Stegbauer, Salisbury; Schaefer, Marnoch, Walsh; Fekete, Dove, Rodriguez (Tolson), Christie, Fernandez.

NSW's goalscorers were:

- **v. Deportiva Saprissa:** Baumgartner (6), Tamandl (3), Sagi (2), Vasvary, Jaros and Moore one each.
- **v. Fiji:** Wentzel (3), Ninaus (3), Jeffrey (2) and Jaros.
- **v. Everton:** Smith.
- **v. Torpedo:** Ninaus.
- **v. Hapoel:** Goldie.
- **v. New Caledonia:** Warren, Watkiss.
- **v. Auckland:** Dove (2).

Biggest attendance at a NSW international match was 51,566 against Everton on May 2, 1964, at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

This is the largest crowd ever to see a soccer match in Australia apart from the 1956 Olympic Final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground between the USSR and Yugoslavia.

Smallest attendance at a NSW match was on October 24 last year, when only 1,375 turned up to see NSW draw with Auckland 2-2.

*** NSW played under the name of "Sydney XI".**

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STATE TEAM ALL BUT NEWLY BUILT

Only five out of the 13 NSW players chosen in last year's Australian World Cup squad have been selected for the State team against AS Roma.

Australia's World Cup captain, Les Scheinflug, and vice-captain Pat Hughes, have been overlooked as have been Roy Blitz and Stan Ackerley.

John Warren dropped out of the State squad, after being selected, on his own volition while Jimmy Pearson, John Roberts and Dave Todd, the other NSW players in the World Cup team, are no longer in Australia.

Here are the players' pen portraits:

Bill RORKE (APIA) goalkeeper, 20. Established himself as Australia's top 'keeper on last year's Southeast Asian tour. Joined APIA this season after three seasons with Bankstown. Australian, born in Cessnock.

Peter FUZES (Hakoah), goalkeeper, 20. A former NSW under-18 representative who became a first team Hakoah regular towards the end of last season. Migrated from Hungary 10 years ago.

Herbert STEGBAUER (St. George), right fullback, 24. Had a quick rise to the top after arriving from Austria as an 18-year-old. Chosen in the NSW team that toured New Caledonia and New Zealand in 1964 and played against Auckland last year.

Cliff VAN BLERK (APIA), right fullback, 26. The only Rhodesian-born player in Australian first division soccer. Nicknamed "Facchetti" by the APIA fans for his sorties down the wing. Has great natural talent allied to deadly tackling and speed.

George NUTTALL (APIA), left fullback, 28. Joined APIA last year after three seasons with Canterbury. An Englishman, he has played for NSW and for Australia (second "test" against Chelsea last year).

Alan MARNOCH (Hakoah), centre-half, 22. A fine Scottish utility player who has played with distinction at centre-half for a season and a half. Represented NSW as a forward against Western Australia in Melbourne in 1964 and at centre-half against Hapoel, New Caledonia and Auckland.

Danny WALSH (Hakoah), right-half, 22. One of the smallest players in Sydney soccer, he makes up for his lack of height with tigerish determination. A tireless player, this diminutive Englishman who was a pro. with Southampton has been one of the best players in Sydney this season. Represented NSW against Auckland in 1965.

Filippo BOTTALICO (APIA), left-half, 28. Ignored for a long time by the selectors, APIA's lion-hearted Cairo-born skipper has been the mainstay of the APIA defence for the last four years. Has been in Australia for seven yers. Played for top Egyptian club, Zamalek.

Ljuba LAZAREVIC (Yugal), right half, 30. A former first division Yugoslav player with plenty of experience. Consistently one of the best players in Sydney, season after season. Represented NSW many times.

Ricardo CAMPANA (APIA), inside right, 28. This Argentinian is rated the best ball player in Australia. His last two clubs before joining APIA last season were Oeste (Argentina) and Independiente Santa Fe (Colombia). Played for Argentina in the 1957 Pan American Games in Mexico City.

Archie BLUE (APIA), centre forward, 26. Transferred from JUST (Melbourne) to APIA this season after playing for Australia in the World Cup. A former Hearts, Scotland, player, the highlight of Blue's career was his hat-trick for Australia in the match against Nationalist China in Hong Kong last November.

Geoff SLEIGHT (Prague), utility forward, 24. A former Bolton Wanderers first team player, he came out from England two years ago and last season gained a full Australian international cap when chosen on the left wing for the first World Cup match against North Korea. Only NSW selection was against Hapoel Tel Aviv last season.

John WATKISS (APIA) inside left, 25. Had a meteoric rise to the top at the age of 18 with Canterbury. Joined APIA in 1964 and topped the Sydney goalscoring list. Toured Southeast Asia with the Australian team last year, playing in every match. Born in Wolverhampton, England, but came to Australia as a two-year-old.

Ron GILES (Croatia), inside right, 25. Another member of Australia's World Cup team, he played all his football in Newcastle before joining Croatia this season. One of the best Australian-born players in the game, he should have gained top recognition a long time ago.

Doug HOLDEN (Hakoah), left winger, 33. One of the rare full English internationals operating in Australia. Played for Preston North End in 1964 when they narrowly lost the FA Cup Final. His experience and positional play are invaluable to Hakoah and should also be of great assistance to NSW.

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VICTORIA MISSED BIG CHANCE FOR UPSET

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Following last Sunday's remarkable match between AS Roma and the Victorian State League XI Sydneysiders should view their chances of victory over the Italian side with a certain degree of optimism.

Although Roma's 4-2 win over Victoria sounds convincing, any one of the record 35,660 crowd who jam-packed Melbourne's Olympic Park would confirm the opinion that without Victoria being in any way unlucky, the final score was undoubtedly flattering to the Romans.

Remarkable was the enthusiasm of the capacity crowd which obviously expected too much of the Italian tourists.

Remarkable was the speed with which Roma forged ahead in the first minute of the match.

Brilliant Victorians

Remarkable was the way in which Victoria recovered their composure to go to a convincing half time lead and also the return to form of the Victorian half back line who had shown poor club form in recent weeks.

Remarkable was the way in which Roma crumbled to a panic-stricken, desperate combination under pressure by some admittedly brilliant soccer by Victoria in the first half.

Remarkable was the collapse of Victoria late in the second half which allowed Roma to grab the initiative which enabled them to score quick goals.

Remarkable were the fantastic crowd scenes at the final whistle when players of both teams were engulfed by thousands of spectators.

However, one aspect of the match was not remarkable.

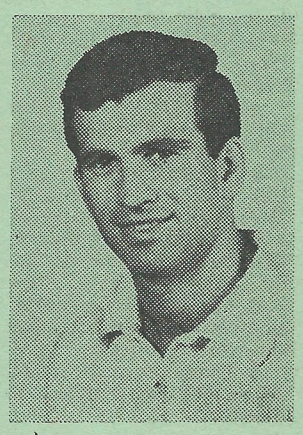
And this was the unimaginative play of Roma who, despite their three-goal burst late in the second half, lacked the enterprise of Everton, the thoughtfulness and skill of Moscow Torpedo and the keenness and dedication of Chelsea.

Important highlights of AS Roma's debut in Australia and the goals as they came were:

● Following a great shot by Anderson from 25 yards which the giant Cudicini tipped over the bar for a corner, play quickly swung to the other end and with barely a minute gone Spanio from an acute angle and from 15 yards shot home — 1-0.

● Victoria equalised in the 13th minute when Gajda in good position easily beat Cudicini after taking a good pass from McMeechan in his stride — 1-1.

● Seven minutes before half time and after some great individual play by Micic, Victoria went into the lead. Receiving the ball just inside his own half Micic took the ball right



FRANK MICIC

into the Roma penalty area where, after flicking the ball to Gajda who quickly returned it, he shot home from 10 yards — 1-2.

● With 26 minutes of the second half gone Victoria lost their lead. Cook who had previously prevented certain goals by kicking two shots off the goal-line chested down a Roma throw-in to inside forward Spanio who grabbed a golden opportunity to shoot past the bewildered Hobson — 2-2.

At this stage Hobson left the field with a burst blood vessel in his leg and was replaced by O'Hara, the young Hakoah goalkeeper.

● Ten minutes from the end left winger Francesconi, with a terrific left foot shot from 25 yards, restored Roma's lead — 3-2.

● With the minutes ticking away Roma's Peruvian right half Benitez increased his side's lead with a scissor kick from five yards, seven minutes from the end — 4-2.

Spanio best

It was a disappointing display by Roma and an unfortunate result for Victoria.

Best for the Romans were Spanio, Tamborini and Benitez while Rice, Anderson, McMeechan and Janczyk were the Victorian stars.

Referee Maitland handled the game efficiently with the minimum of stoppages.

DETAILS:

Victoria: Hobson (O'Hara), Shepherd, Cook, Janczyk, Rice, Micic, Abonyi, Gajda, Nestorides, Anderson and McMeechan.

AS Roma: Cudicini, Tomasin, Ardizzon, Benitez, Losi, Carpenesi, Leonardi, Tamborini, Enzo, Spanio, Francesconi.

Referee: D. Maitland.

Linesmen: D. Wooton, H. Verniers.

Official attendance: 35,860 (all-time record for Olympic Park).

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

NSW v. AS ROMA — Sydney Showground, 3 p.m.

Early games: NSW under-16 "Probables" v. "Possibles": 11.45 a.m.

Sydney U-18 v. Newcastle U-18: 1.15 p.m.

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Croatia v. Hakoah	— Erskineville Oval
South Coast v. Corinthians	— Woonona Oval
Canterbury v. Syd. Austral	— Arlington Oval
Granville v. Bankstown	—Macarthur Park

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Yugal v. Cumberland	— Manly Oval
St. George v. Prague	— Hurstville Oval
Melita Eagles v. Western Utd.	— Macarthur Park
Hornsby-NE. v. Sutherland	— Pennant Hills Oval
Wollongong Ol. v. Polonia-NS	— Balgownie Oval

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Two leaders should pull further ahead

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Comparable games could cause a division of interest among match-of-the-day followers on Saturday.

Leaders Juventus and Hellas, with a clear three point break on the rest of the field, should both win.

However, neither can afford failure and the urgent atmosphere should bring out the best in both premiership seekers.

Lions' trump cards are captan-coach Jim Mill and English newcomer, John Lovell.

It is doubtful if they can set up enough scoring opportunities to seriously challenge Juventus who have all of their players at peak form.

In spite of or because of the fact that Burnside-Budapest are bottom, Hellas can expect stern opposition at Hindmarsh.

Although breathing down the neck of Juventus, Hellas have their problems.

They could be without powerhouse Udo Joschke who badly injured a toe last week and key players Ted De Lyster and Nick Kefaloudis gave indifferent performances against Croatia.

Upgraded Seacliff-Austria must be given a rough chance against solid Victoria, in view of their recent improved displays.

Enfield City, now out of the doldrums, should push Polonia whose steadier defence is their major recommendation.

Home loving Cumberland have reached the stage where they can't even be considered to win an away game but at Bailey Reserve they must be favored.

Selections: Juventus, Victoria, Polonia, Hellas, Cusberland, Croatia — draw.

- Juventus v. USC Lion, Olympic Sports Field. Referee: M. O'Malley.
- Seacliff-Austria v. Victoria, Croydon Park. Referee: J. Spiers.
- Enfield City v. Polonia, Blair Athol. Referee: K. Candy.
- WA Hellas v. Burnside-Budapest, Hindmarsh Stadium. Referee: R. Pearce.
- Cumberland v. Croatia, Bailey Reserve. Referee: D. Grant.

WITH THE AMATEURS

MANLY DOWNS NTH. BANKSTOWN

North Bankstown dropped two points behind Manly in the First Division title race after their head-on clash at Graham Reserve last Sunday.

In a close game Manly managed to maintain their 2-1 half time lead to the end.

Ted Clement took over as North Bankstown's goalkeeper from Peter Howes who was able to cope with goalkeeping in the second grade despite his injured thumb.

In the Second Division Marrickville opened up a lead of five points from Ryde by downing University of NSW 6-1.

The students were without their star player, David Chantrell.

They also appeared tired, playing five games last week at Armidale and narrowly losing the national intervarsity title to Newcastle.

Ryde dropped an unexpected point to East Sydney Atlantic.

And it could have been worse as East failed to convert a penalty awarded in the very last minute of the thrilling and even match.

— KEITH GILMOUR

THIS WEEKEND'S AMATEUR DRAW

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

First Division

Concordia v. Artarmon, Tempe Reserve; Manly v. Thistle, Graham Reserve; Belmore v. North Bankstown, Rudd Park; Lane Cove v. Wenty Waratahs, Pottery Green.

Second Division

Sydney University v. Granville Kewpies, St. Paul's Oval; North Sydney Inter v. University of NSW, Anderson Park.

Third Division

Yagoona v. Gymea, O'Neil Park; Willoughby v. Guildford, Northbridge Oval; Warringah Saints v. Riverside Rapids, Dee Why Oval.

Fourth Division

East Side v. Dee Why, Queen's Park.

All matches set down for Sunday, June 5, have been postponed because of the NSW v. AS Roma match.

These matches will be played on Sunday, July 3, and the third round of the Amateur KO Cup, originally set down for that date will now be played on Saturday, July 2, in its entirety.

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

GRANVILLE BACK IN "TOP FOUR" AFTER WIN

Canterbury moved up to fourth place on the competition table after their exciting 4-3 win over Granville- AEK at Macarthur Park

A crowd of 1,500 saw Granville race to a 3-1 lead in the 58th minute, but the Berries did the better in the last 30 minutes to get up and win.

The match was fast, hard and furious, with no quarter asked or given and fortunes fluctuated throughout.

Young, inexperienced Granville-AEK 'keeper Murray, who replaced the injured Pontekas, was at fault on two of the goals.

Granville's three goals were scored by Young, Canterbury's by Paxnos, Romanos, Saravakos and Dos Santos.

Polonia kept their place at the top of the table with a comfortable 4-1 win against woodenspooners Sutherland at Miranda.

Centre-forward Adamczyk scored a hat-trick in the first half with goals in the 20th, 24th and 30th minutes and Krawiarz made it four in the 82nd minute.

Sutherland fully deserved their consolation goal scored by former East Sydney Atlantic player Gregorus in the 53rd minute.

Melita Eagles staged a great comeback against Sydney Austral to win 5-3 after trailing 1-3 at the interval.

Although Azzopardi opened the score in the first minute, the many Maltese supporters in the crowd of 1,300 were stunned when Sydney Austral slammed home three goals in quick time just before half time.

The second half was all Melita's with Azzopardi scoring two goals, Don Brown — the best man on the field — one and Danny Caldwell getting the last two goals which gave Melita a satisfying victory.

Referee Timms astounded the crowd and nearly created a disturbance when he disallowed what seemed to be a valid goal by Azzopardi when the score was tied at 3-3 midway through the second half.

Bankstown had an effortless win over the gallant, but inexperienced Hornsby-North End, last Saturday at Pennant Hills Oval and are now in fifth place.

In the other match last weekend, Wollongong Olympic had a narrow 1-0 win over Western United at Balgownie in a match where both defences were outstanding and the forwards incredibly mediocre.

SA chance "reasonable"

Former Irish World Cup player, Tom Forde, returned from Melbourne's Olympic Park last Sunday convinced that SA could achieve a "reasonable" result against AS Roma.

Forde was impressed by Victoria's great effort which he attributed to their Australian World Cup representatives and the experience gained by them in Cambodia.

"Victoria could have won had they not run out of steam," said Forde.

"SA, with a comparatively young side, will lack Victoria's experience but could see out 90 minutes better than their Eastern neighbours', added the SA coach.

JUST MAY REMAIN TOPS BY DOWNING ALEXANDER

From BOB LOW in Melbourne

Unexpectedly sitting on top of the State League ladder JUST should retain this position after their clash with Alexander.

Slavia could be toppled from second position after meeting George Cross while Juventus, after a disastrous start but now on the upgrade can, after meeting Lions, come within striking distance of the four.

With only six points separating the top and bottom club it's a fight all the way and Hakoah and the bottom four clubs could all be in danger of slipping back.

Slavia v. George Cross

(Sunday, Olympic Park)

Both are lucky to be in such elevated positions in the league, for neither side has in recent weeks given any indication that they are challengers for honours.

Perhaps the return to form of both will come about this weekend and I fancy that the points will be shared.

Lions v. Juventus

(Saturday, Olympic Park)

Lions are playing quite well though not converting their scoring chances.

Against the rapidly improving Juventus they will have to pull out all the stops but I doubt if this will be enough to stop the Italian side taking both points.

Melbourne v. Wilhelmina

(Sunday, Elsternwick)

Melbourne, after their win over Croatia, have their confidence boosted.

Wilhelmina, going great guns in recent weeks, are in an inspired mood, but with home advantage Melbourne could pull through.

Polonia v. Hakoah

(Sunday, Schintler Res.)

Polonia will find Hakoah in a desperate mood after their haphazard showing against Juventus.

Slicker on the ball and with a better approach, Polonia should send Hakoah further in the depths by taking full points.

Hellas v. Croatia

(Saturday, Middle Park)

Still tipped to win their third championship in a row, Hellas face a Croatia side who have fallen to picese in recent weeks.

Hellas may have a couple of weak links in defence but Croatia have so many players suffering from lack of form that the points should stay at Middle Park.

Alexander v. JUST

(Saturday, Moreland)

Alexander, with tons of spirit and enthusiasm, will have a hard job matching the finesse of JUST.

On the count of sheer soccer alone JUST should emerge as winners unless they allow themselves to be ruffled.

Adelaide details

Croatia v. WA-Hellas 1-2 (0-0). Goals: Queenan; Joschke, De Lyster.

Burnside-Budapest v. Enfield City 2-3 (2-2), Goals: S. Foldesdy, Matiscsak; White, Batchelor, Parsons.

Polonia v. Seacliff-Austria 1-1 (1-0). Goals: Manka; Walter.

Victoria v. Juventus 0-3 (0-1). Goals: Dos Santos 2, McColl.

USC Lion v. Cumberland 3-0 (1-0). Goals: Batusic 2, M. Muzyka.

SA TABLE

First Division

Juventus	**6**	**—**	**1**	**27**	**9**	**12**
WA Hellas	**5**	**2**	**—**	**23**	**12**	**12**
Polonia	**3**	**3**	**1**	**13**	**8**	**9**
Victoria	**3**	**2**	**2**	**13**	**12**	**8**
Enfield City	3	1	3	11	16	7
USC Lion	3	—	4	15	14	6
Croatia	2	1	4	7	13	5
Seacliff-Austria	1	2	4	10	16	4
Cumberland	1	2	4	4	17	4
Burnside-B'pest	1	1	5	13	19	3

Second Division

Birkalla	**6**	**1**	**—**	**21**	**3**	**13**
Malta	**5**	**—**	**2**	**19**	**8**	**10**
Elizabeth	**5**	**—**	**2**	**11**	**4**	**10**
Port Adelaide	**3**	**2**	**2**	**13**	**9**	**8**
Orange-Sturt	3	1	3	10	9	7
Beograd	3	1	3	14	17	7
Azzurri	2	1	4	14	12	5
Windsor	2	1	4	7	13	5
Wakefield	1	1	5	5	23	3
South Adelaide	1	—	6	8	24	2

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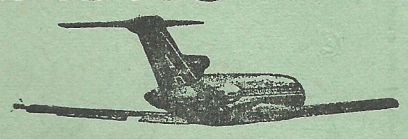

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COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

Grade I.

APIA	5	1	—	24	7	11
Prague	4	1	1	14	16	9
Hakoah	3	1	2	16	8	7
St. George	3	1	2	14	9	7
Pan Hellenic	2	2	2	18	15	6
South Coast	2	1	3	10	11	5
Croatia	1	3	2	8	20	5
Yugal	1	2	3	12	11	4
Cumberland	2	—	4	11	18	4
Corinthians	—	2	4	1	13	2

Grade II.

Hakoah	5	1	—	21	9	11
St. George	4	2	—	17	5	10
South Coast	4	1	1	14	9	9
Croatia	2	3	1	14	10	7
Pan Hellenic	3	—	3	13	10	6
APIA	2	1	3	11	14	5
Yugal	1	2	3	10	16	4
Cumberland	2	—	4	6	10	4
Corinthians	1	1	4	7	16	3
Prague	—	1	5	3	15	1

Grade III.

Prague	5	—	1	24	9	10
Pan Hellenic	5	—	1	16	8	10
APIA	4	1	1	16	10	9
Croatia	4	—	2	21	11	8
Cumberland	3	1	2	17	9	7
Hakoah	2	1	3	9	17	5
South Coast	2	—	4	12	17	4
St. George	1	1	4	9	15	3
Corinthians	1	1	4	9	22	3
Yugal	—	1	5	7	22	1

SECOND DIVISION

Grade I.

Polonia-NS	5	1	—	18	4	11
W. Olympic*	5	—	2	19	11	10
Melita Eagles	4	1	1	17	9	9
Canterbury	4	—	2	15	18	8
Bankstown	3	1	2	18	12	7
Granville-AEK	2	2	2	17	12	6
Syd. Austral*	2	1	4	19	23	5
Western Utd.	1	2	3	9	13	4
Hornsby-NE	—	2	4	7	15	2
Sutherland	—	—	6	3	25	—

* Played one match more.

Grade II.

Bankstown	6	—	—	40	4	12
Canterbury	4	2	—	18	6	10
Syd. Austral*	4	2	1	20	12	10
Melita Eagles	2	4	—	14	8	8
Polonia-NS	4	—	2	16	18	8
Granville-AEK	2	1	3	18	17	5
W. Olympic*	2	1	4	9	28	5
Sutherland	1	1	4	17	19	3
Hornsby-NE	—	1	5	7	17	1
Western Utd.	—	—	6	4	34	—

* Played one match more.

INTER-SUBURBAN TABLES

First Division

Marconi	8	—	1	36	11	16
Manly	6	1	2	25	15	13
N. Bankstown	5	1	3	25	11	11
Lane Cove	5	—	3	17	17	10
South Sydney	4	2	3	19	22	10
Concordia	4	1	4	16	24	9
W. Waratah	4	—	5	27	26	8
Artarmon	2	1	6	21	25	5
Belmore	2	—	6	12	23	4
Thistle	1	—	8	15	38	2

Second Division

Marrickville	9	—	—	40	8	18
Ryde	6	1	1	28	9	13
NS Inter	6	—	3	30	12	12
Uni. NSW	5	1	2	24	19	11
East Sydney	4	1	4	24	24	9
Kewpies	4	—	5	20	17	8
Syd. Uni.	3	1	5	18	31	7
Lidcombe	2	1	6	17	26	5
Auburn	2	1	6	15	31	5
Padstow	—	—	9	9	47	—

Third Division

Penrith	7	2	—	30	9	16
Guildford	6	1	2	20	9	13
West. Subs.	5	1	3	23	20	11
Willoughby	5	—	4	24	18	10
Yagoona	4	1	3	17	31	9
Arncliffe	2	3	3	22	15	7
Cymea	3	1	5	25	27	7
Liverpool	3	1	5	22	33	7
Warringah	2	2	5	18	22	6
Rapiids	—	2	7	15	32	2

Fourth Division

East Side	8	1	—	43	10	17
All Stars	7	1	1	32	11	15
L'pool Inter	4	1	3	29	14	9
Dee Why	4	1	4	26	13	9
Blacktown	4	1	4	17	20	9
Condell Park	2	1	5	10	24	5
Smithfield	2	—	6	19	28	4
Bankstown	—	—	8	9	66	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

(Second and Third Grades)

Yugal v. Hakoah	1-1	3-3
Corinthians v. Cum'land	0-2	0-8
P. Hellenic v. Prague	4-1	2-3
APIA v. SCU	4-1	4-1
St. George v. Croatia	1-1	0 6

SECOND DIVISION

M. Eagles v. S. Austral	5-3	2-2
Hornsby v. Bankstown	2-5	1-3
W. Olympic v. Western U.	1-0	1-0
Sutherland v. Polonia	1-4	2-4
Granville v. Canterbury	3-4	1-2

LEADING SCORERS

G. GIACOMETTI (APIA)	10
G. YARDLEY (St. George)	6
J. KARYANNIS (Pan Hellenic)	5
W. KERKLAAN (APIA)	5
H. NINAUS (Hakoah)	5
B. SMITH (Pan Hellenic)	5
J. WATKISS (APIA)	5

TEAM OF THE WEEK

B. Nezmah (Yugal)
S. Isaac (St. George)
G. Nuttall (APIA)
G. Jones (Prague)
A Marnoch (Hakoah)
L. Scheinflug (Prague)
W. Todd (St. George)
M. Collins (Cumberland)
G. Yardley (St. George)
V. Fernandez (St. George)
N. Telfer (St. George)

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

Yugal

0 (0)

Hakoah

0 (0)

Corinthians

0 (0)

Cumberland

4 (2)

M. Collins 10 & 35 (penalty) mins., J. Kedd.e 54 min., D. Goldie 75 min.

A.P.I.A

2 (1)

A. Blue 14 min., G. Giacometti 87 min.

Sth. Coast

0 (0)

St. George

9 (5)

J. Warren 5, 35 & 39 mins., N. Telfer 17 min., G. Yardley 30 & 83 mins., V. Fernandez 55, 87 & 89 mins.

Croatia

0 (0)

P. Hellenic

4 (1)

R. Blitz 45 min., B. Smith 47 & 59 mins., D. Logan 67 min.

Prague

4 (3)

M. Kvacek 4 min., N. Badaracco 8 min., G. Sleight 27 min., L. Scheinflug 78 min. (penalty).

HOW THEY LINED UP

B. Nezmah 5; A. Nacinovic 3, Z. Crnich 3; L. Lazarevic 4, M. Stojanovic 4, S. Rafaneli 4; J. Alagich 2, A. Vicevic 2, A. Ninevic 2, S. Fray 3, S. Pacanin 3.

TOTAL: 35 Coach: S. Viskovich.

P. Fuzes 3; T. Edwards 4, I. Hillsdon 4; D. Walsh 4, A. Marnoch 4, D. Edwards 3; G. Coulshed 2, R. McKnight 2, H. Ninaus 3, J. Duffy 3, D. Holden 3.

TOTAL: 35 Coach: T. Jelisavcic

D. Griffin 2; T. Arnold 2, H. Noon 2; W. Macarthy 2, R. Robinson 3, B. Williams 3; D. Clapton 2, R. Hunter 3, B. Yates 2, T. Hill 3, S. Hart 3.

TOTAL: 27 Coach: F. Broome

J. Fisher 3; A. Smith 3, J. Mucillo 3; N. Townsend 3, P. Keen 4, G. McPhail 3; J. Keddie 3, *M. Collins* 5, J. Richardson 3, J. Fernie 4, D. Goldie 3.

TOTAL: 37 Coach: L. Quested

M. Mazzina 4; C. Van Blerk 3, *G. Nuttall* 5; D. Muir 3, J. Sambrook 3, F. Bottalico 4; G. Giacometti 3, P. Hughes 4, A. Blue 4, J. Watkiss 3, W. Kerklaan 3.

TOTAL: 39 Coach: J. Marston

I. Astill 5; P. Woods 3, A. Ringland 4; P. Carr 4, J. Harris 4, B. Salisbury 4; P. Beattie 3, E. Mullan 3, C. Dickson 2, E. Freeme 3, D. Patterson 3.

TOTAL: 38 Coach: J. Harris

F. Haffey 4; *H. Isaac* 5, R. Hillary 4, M. Schaefer 4, H. Stegbauer 4, T. Zuckerman 4; *W. Todd* 5, *J. Warren* 5, G. Yardley 4, *V. Fernandez* 5, N. Telfer 4.

TOTAL: 48 Coach: L. Hegyes.

J. Frazer 2 (replaced the injured O. Collazo in 6th minute); B. Lincoln 4, P. Bonham 2; R. Baker 3, R. Murua 2, R. Fraser 3; J. Galambos 1, E. Massey 3, B. Tyrrell 1, R. Giles 3, M. Johnson 1.

TOTAL: 25 Coach: L. Baumgartner

B. Rhodes (replaced by H. Rademacher 4), D. Johnston 4, D. Wright 4, J. Sanchez 4, P. Stanley 3, J. Karyannis 3, R. Blitz 3, *B. Smith* 5, B. Tristram 2, A. Westwater 3, D. Logan 2.

TOTAL: 37 Coach: W. Tamandl

I. Kelly 4; G. Harcombe 3, J. Bond 3; G. Jones 4, M. Henderson 4, *L. Scheinflug* 5, *G. Sleight* 5, N. Badaracco 3, M. Kvacek 2, A. Moravcik 3, R. Hoare 2.

TOTAL: 38 Coach: S. Cambal

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Both teams have only themselves to blame for failing to score a goal. Yugal were presented twice with an open goal late in the match and Hakoah exerted a marked territorial advantage for two-thirds of the game. The forwards from both sides, however, were atrociously off the mark. A pity, because both sets of defences played steady, solid football. Although the match was better than the previous week's Federation Cup play-off for third place, the small crowd had little to enthuse about, mainly because of the forwards' lack of method. Hakoah "scored" a goal in the last few seconds which was disallowed by the linesman.

Referee: L. Wilson.
Crowd: 1,850. — LOU GAUTIER

Cumberland gave a sound display against a colorless Corinthians. The game was unspectacular, with Cumberland able to apply pressure whenever required. Collins excelled at inside-right but barely overshadowed the lion-hearted Fernie who was always initiating moves in attack or defending solidly. After an uninspiring first half display Corinthians made some breakaway moves through Williams, Hunter and Hart but Cumberland's defence was rarely in trouble. To sum up: enterprise from Cumberland, relegation form by Corinthians.

Referee: J. Hinkelman.
Crowd: 350. — KEITH GILMOUR

APIA had to fight all the way to beat the determined provincials. The first half was very quiet and unspectacular. The only highlight of this period was Blue's splendid 25-yard goal. The second half was much more lively with South Coast gaining a bigger share of the ball than in the first half but APIA'S defence was unbeatable. South Coast's defence, too, was in fine touch and young goalie Astill was often applauded for brilliant saves. Giacometti's late goal was rather unexpected as South Coast during the second half had come closer to scoring the equalizer than APIA of scoring another goal.

Referee: M. Buchanan.
Crowd: 4,500. — EINAR PERSEN

St. George steamrolled all over a listless Croatia and fully deserved all nine of their goals. The match was all over after 30 minutes when Saints went to a 3-0 lead. Croatia never recovered from the injury to goalie Collazo who was replaced by inexperienced junior Frazer in the sixth minute. Saints' foward-line played their best football in years, combining speed with intelligence and dazzling footwork. St. George's defence was always in control and rarely in trouble against a non-existent Croatia attack where Tyrrell, Galambos and Johnson were merely "passengers". Apart from 15 minutes in the second half, Croatia offered no ressitance and were overwhelmed.

Referee: K. Lockrey.
Crowd: 2,100. — LOU GAUTIER

Both teams had a great chance to win this: Prague, when they raced to a shock 3-0 lead, Pan Hellenic, when they made their comeback and led 4-3. As it was, the result was fair. Prague played the more intelligent and stylish football and refused to be ruffled even when down 3-4. Scheinflug's return to form and Sleight's perpetuum mobile brand of soccer revitalised Prague which, in the first half, played extremely well. Pan Hellenic staged a great revival and, with a little luck, could have won the match in the last moment. Even so, their expensive forward line was disappointing save for Smith.

Referee: D. Buchan.
Crowd: 5,100. — PAUL DEAN

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	S. Coast	St. George	APIA	Yugal	Prague	Hakoah	Croatia	Cumberland	Pan Hellenic	Corinthians
South Coast Utd.	●	0-0		3-2					5-3	
St. George		●	0-3				9-0		0-4	
APIA	2-0		●		8-1		2-2			
Yugal		2-3		●		0-0				0-0
Prague	2-1				●			3-2		1-0
Hakoah			1-3		1-3	●			4-2	
Croatia				1-7			●	3-0		1-1
Cumberland	2-1		3-6			0-5		●		
Pan Hellenic				4-1	4-4		1-1		●	
Corinthians		0-2				0-5		0-4		●

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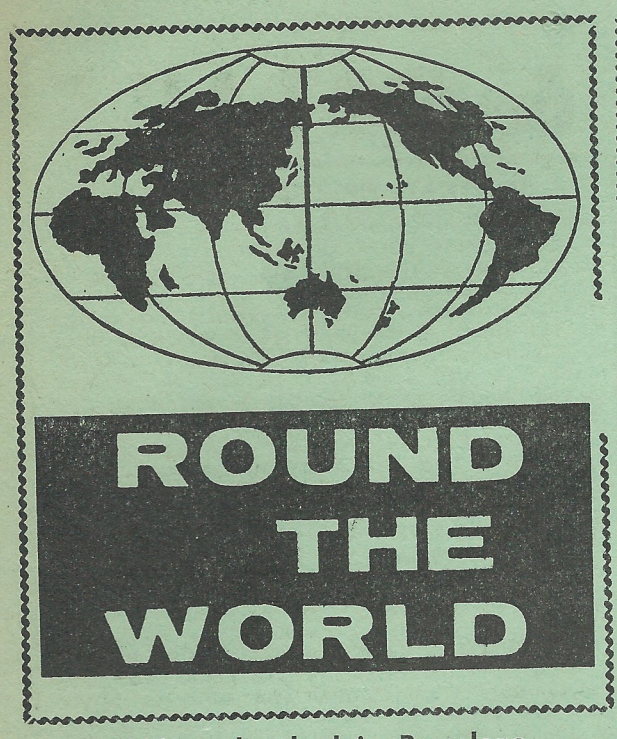

English FA secretary Dennis Follows, chairman of the World Cup organising Committee, said in a press conference last week that 63 per cent. of the 2,040,000 World Cup tickets had been sold to date. West Germans predictably are the biggest foreign buyers with 5,014 tickets, followed by the Brazilians.

Chelsea thrashed in Barcelona

Barcelona thrashed Chelsea 5-0 in their Fair Cities' Cup semifinal play-off in Barcelona last Wednesday week. Next week's final will be an all-Spanish affair between Barcelona and Zaragoza in Madrid. Chelsea's defeat is a blow to British club soccer, which only eight weeks ago was riding high in all European Cup competitions.

Penarol South American Champions

Penarol of Montevideo (Uruguay) have won the South American Champions' Cup. The Uruguayans beat River Plate of Buenos Aires 4-2 in a play-off at Santiago, Chile. Penarol had beaten the Argentinians 2-0 in Montevideo, but a play-off was necessary when River Plate won the return match 3-2 in Buenos Aires.

New tactics for Brazil?

According to the Portuguese soccer weekly A BOLA, the Brazilians may introduce a revolutionary new system at the World Cup. In an interview with the magazine's editor, Ernesto dos Santos, one of the members of Brazil's technical committee, hinted his team may replace the "4-2-4" the Brazilians introduced in Sweden. by the "4-1-2-3". This new system is more defensive and ensures midfield mastery. Pele, of all players, is expected to be the key midfield "link man' in the "4-1-2-3".

Italian stars worth plenty

These are the most expensive players in Italy, according to the famous daily GAZETTA DELLO SPORT: Corso (Inter), Rivera (AC Milan) and Bulgarelli (Bologna) $400,000; Mazzola (Inter) $350,000 and Altafini (Napoli) and Sormani $320,000. Fullback Facchetti, according to the newspaper, is "only" worth $250,000.

Celtic's record crowds

Scotland's champion for 1965-66, Celtic of Glascow, broke all attendance records this season. Celtic attracted 770,500 spectators to their home matches and 475,500 away for a total of 1,246,000. Celtic's total attendance the previous season was 230,000 less.

Yugoslavia wants World Cup

Yugoslavia has decided to apply for the 1974 World Cup. Dr Andrejevic, FIFA's Yugoslav vice-president, will lodge the application officially with Sir Stanly Rous, the FIFA president who is in Yogoslavia at the moment for the European Junior Championship. West Germany and Spain are the only two other countries which have applied for the series so far.

● Vicente Feola, the Brazilian selector-coach will release the final list of Brazil's World Cup 22 player-squad on June 12.

● **Another Yugoslav has joined a foreign club: Dinamo Zagreb's inside-left Ivo Markovic.**

● A 39-year-old London journalist, Dennis Signy, has been appointed manager to Fourth Division Brentford. The club's new coach will be Billy Gray.

● **Chelsea are very interested in Burnley's right winger, Willie Morgan. Burnley are asking for a transfer fee of $145,000.**

● Rudi Brunnenmaier, the star Munchen 1860 centre-forward, is hankering for a transfer to FC Nurnberg but the newly crowned Bundesliga champions won't release him at any price.

● **Schalke 04's players won themselves a three-week holiday in Switzerland for staving off relegation from the West German Bundesliga.**

● Italy's 40 preselected World Cup players, AS Roma's Paolo Barison among them, are currently training at Asiago, in the Dolomite Mountains.

● **A big international tournament will be staged at San Sebastian, Spain, on August 17, 18 and 19. Teams taking part will be Boca Juniors (Argentina), Bordeaux (France), Real Madrid and Anderlecht.**

● The Danish Cup was won by AAB Aalborg who beat KB Copenhagen 2-1 in the final before a crowd of 25,000 at Copenhagen.

● **Yugoslav international goalkeeper Petar Vukasovic from Hajduk Split has signed with Belgian club La Gantoise.**

● Munchen 1860 clinched the West German Bundesliga title with a surprise 2-0 victory over Borussia Dortmund at the latter's Rote Erde home ground. The European Cup Winners' Cup champions were badly outclassed by the Bavarians, who trailed their hosts on goal average before the match.

● **South Vietnam are likely to hire Malaysia's West German coach, Otto Westphal, as national team coach. The South Vietnamese team's current coach is also a German, Kurt Weigang.**

● Cardiff City have placed John Charles on a free transfer. The 33-year-old former Wales and Juventus Turin utility player has no thoughts of retiring and intends to play for at least another three years.

● **A referee in Bogota, Colombia, has been cited to appear before the local FA to explain why he awarded 14 penalties in a recent match.**

● Fiorentina will represent Italy in next season's European Cup Winners' Cup. Last week they beat third division Catanzaro 2-1, after extra-time, in the final of the Italian Cup in Rome.

● **In West Germany, Bayern Munchen and Meiderich will meet in the Cup final. Bayern Munchen beat FC Nurnberg 2-1 and Meiderich defeated Kaiserslautern 4-3 in the semifinals last week.**

● Uruguay's World Cup team suffered a shock 0-1 defeat against Brazilian State team, Minas Geiras, at Montevideo.

● **Yakimov and Asparoukhov, Bulgaria's best two players, are suffering from knee trouble. Both missed the national team's last three matches and are expected to resume training only three weeks before the start of the World Cup.**

● France will play the USSR in Moscow and Hungary will meet Switzerland in Zurich on Sunday.

● **Spain's next four matches will all be against foreign club teams: Ajax Amsterdam (June 12), Beerschot (Belgium) on June 19, Danubio (Uruguay) on June 26, Wiener Sportklub (June 29) and finally Brazil's Vasco de Gama on July 2. All matches to be played in Spain.**

● Teams from France, Luxembourg and Portugal will take part in this year's Rappan Cup, which starts this week.

● **Sandro Meroni, Torino's brilliant winger, is being sought by Inter Milan. Torino, however, will only part with him for $600,000.**

● Tottenham will sign Alex Stepney, Young England and Milwall goalkeeper, for $65,000.

Sivori returns home

Omar Sivori, Napoli's Argentinian star, is set for a triumphant return to Buenos Aires. He has been invited as a guest player by Cagliari, who will play two matches against the Argentinian World Cup team. Sivori is still smarting from his bust-up with Argentinian officialdom eight years ago. Sivori, then the glamour boy of Argentina soccer, vowed never to return to Argentina and joined Juventus for a then World record transfer fee of $380,000.

Gold star for Inter

By winning the Italian championship for the 10th time, Inter Milan have gained the right to add a gold star to their club badge. Italian clubs who win the championship at least 10 times are granted this privilege. Juventus, with 12 league titles, is the only other Italian club which has earned a gold star. Genoa have won nine championships Milan AC eight, Bologna and Pro Vercelli 7 and Torino 6.

France's World Cup "40".

These are the 40 French players preselected for the World Cup: Goalkeepers: Aubour, Schuth, Eon, Carnus, Hernandez. Fullbacks: Djorkaeff, Artelesa, Casolari, Bosquier, Budzinski, De Michele, Chorda, Cardiet, Lemerre, Piumi. Halves: Bonnel, Kocik, Herbin, Herbet, Maryan, Muller, Peri, Simon. Forwards: Baraffe, Blanchet, Gondet, Combin, Couecou, De Bourgoing, Robuschi, Di Nallo, Gress, Hausser, Guy, Leclerc, Lasalette, Lech, Loubet, Revelli, Roy.

SCOREBOARD

INTERNATIONALS: Poland v. Sweden 1-1 (Warsaw); Czechoslovakia v. USSR 1-2 (Prague); France v. Spain 1-2 (amateurs, Bayonne); Belgium v. USSR 0-1 (Brussels); Austria v. Eire 1-0 (Vienna); Holland v. England 0-0 (amateurs, Eindhoven); Belgium v. Eire 2-3 (Liege).

AUSTRIA: Austria Wien v. LASK 1-0; Kapfenberg v. Wiener Neustadt 0-1; Austria Salzburg v. Vienna 1-1; Wacker Innsbruck v. Rapid 0-3; Simmering v. GAK 4-2; Schwechat v. Energie 1-1.

SWITZERLAND: FC Basel v. Chaux-de-Fonds 1-3; Grasshoppers Zurich v. Lugano 2-0; Lucerne v. Young Fellows Zurich 0-0; Servette Geneva v. Granges 4-1; Sion v. Urania Geneva 5-1; Young Bays Berne v. Lausanne 6-1.

WEST GERMANY: Borussia Neunkirchen v. Karlsruhe 1-0; Eintracht Braunschweig v. Borussia Moenchengladbach 1-1; Eintracht Frankfurt v. Borussia Dortmund 4-1; Munchen 1860 v. Hamburger SV 1-1; Werder Bremen v. Bayern Munchen 1-1; FC Koln v. FC Nurnberg 2-1; Meiderich v. Hanover 96 2-2; VfB Stuttgart v. Kaiserslautern 4-1; Schalke 04 v. Tasmania Berlin 4-0.

YUGOSLAVIA: Zagreb v. Vardar 3-2; Red Star Belgrade v. Radnicki Belgrade 2-2; Vojvodina v. Radnicki Nis 1-0; Partizan v. OFK Belgrade 0-2; Velez v. Hajduk 2-1; Rijeka v. Olimpija 1-0; Tresnjevka v. Sarajevo 1-1; Zeljeznicar v. Dinamo Zagreb (postponed). **Cup Final:** OFK Belgrade v. Dinamo Zagreb 6-2.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

After last Saturday's disgraceful incidents which followed the Yugal-Hakoah match, the NSW Federation Management Committee would be well advised to restrict entry to the glass house enclosure to only a handful of bona fide club officials. Club supporters have no business in the enclosure which should only be opened to the secretaries, presidents and team managers of the two competing teams and to the Press.

GRANVILLE and Melita Eagles will play a trial match at Macarthur Park on Saturday. Both grades will play, startng at 1.15 p.m.

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YUGAL have a new temporary coach and trainer. He is Steve Viskovich, who played for Yugal for three years. Viskovic ,a leading club official, replaces Ferdo Dunaj, who resigned two weeks ago.

FERDO DUNAJ

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PRAGUE will play a friendly match in both grades at Marks Field, starting at 12 o'clock, on Saturday against second division Hornsby-North End.

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LAWSON Bennett, the former Corinthians and APIA utility player, is returning to Australia soon. He won't be coming back to Sydney, though, but will join a Victorian State League club.

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THE North Caringbah Redbacks, a livewire junior club in the Sutherland Shire, visited Brisbane a fortnight ago as the guests of The Gap Junior Soccer Club. Their under-12 A team played three matches and won the lot. They beat Annerley 3-2, Mount Gravat 2-0 and The Gap 8-0. Redbacks have returned the invitation and The Gap will visit Sydney next year.

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PLAYERS from the Seaforth under-12 team served as ballboys for the Yugal-Hakoah match last Saturday. Yugal always use juniors from the Manly area as ballboys — an excellent idea which should be copied by other clubs.

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ONE player unlucky to miss selection in the Sydney under-18 team this weekend is 17-year-old Vince Morizzi. This young centre-forward took up soccer two years ago and has shown such aptitude for the game that he was selected for the Southern Districts under-18 representative team. Morizzi plays in the Marconi reserve side and is the club's leading scorer.

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SUCH was the magnitude of St. George's win last Sunday that the scoreboard attendant at Hurstville Oval ran out of numbers after the fifth goal and had to make do by simply adding a one, two, three and finally a four after the five on the scoreboard every time Saint George scored a goal in the second half.

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In this year's Sutherland Shire competitions there are 10 teams from St. Joseph's Catholic School, Sutherland, ranging from under-8 to under-14.

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GRANVILL-AEK have signed newly arrived Welshman John Jones, an inside-forward or wing-half.

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ANOTHER wedding is coming up this weekend in the Farr family. On Saturday Allan Farr, the 23-year-old son of the Corinthians president Les Farr, will marry Miss Dawn Glass at Pagewood.

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PRAGUE are distributing hundreds of colorful red and white car stickers advertising the club's matches. The wording on the stickers reads: "Watch SFC Prague play soccer".

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MELITA Eagles have fallen out with the Maltese Settlers' Club and are now looking for club premises of their own, preferably in the City area.

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JORGE Ledezma, the Argentinian halfback, has joined APIA. He made his debut against South Coast in the reserve team last Sunday.

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SUTHERLAND used their brand new public address system for the first time last Sunday against Polonia-NS. The PA will now be a permanent fixture at all home matches at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda. Nearly every second division ground has a PA system, a great improvement over recent years when very few clubs had this facility.

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PULL your socks up 2GB! You have become the laughing stock of Sydney soccer fans. Last Sunday night your announcer gave the soccer results as "St. George 0, Croatia 0" (instead of 9-0 for Saints) and as if that wasn't bad enough he went on to say that "APIA 2 beat South Coast 2". For irresponsible reporting, this surely takes the cake! And this is not the first time that 2GB insults the intelligence of soccer fans.

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CORINTHIANS are expecting three Scottish players within the next few weeks to reinforce their ailing team.

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ANDY Sagi, the Hakoah forward, played for Sydney Austral in a trial match against Prague last Wednesday week. He is keen to play again but negotiations between Hakoah and Sydney Austral have bogged down.

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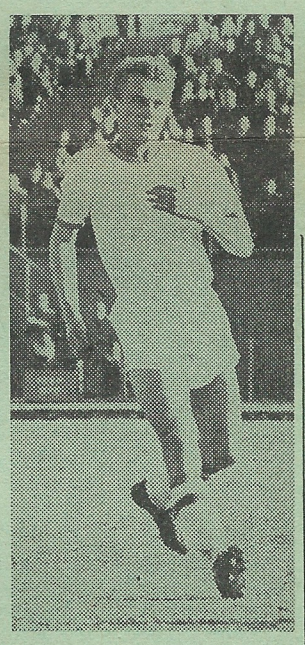
PRAGUE is one club which will welcome this weekend's break in the competition. Many of their players need time off to nurse injuries.



DAVID ZEMAN

Among the injured are Falzon, Zeman, Povey, Hrncir, Loveday, Manuel and Scheinflug, who pulled a thigh muscle in the second half against Pan Hellenic last Sunday.

ST. GEORGE president Les Bordacs leaves on June 13 for a two-month holiday in Europe which will take in the World Cup in England.

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THE ABC's "Four Corners" cameramen were at Lambert Park last Sunday where they filmed part of the APIA-South Coast match for inclusion in a program which will deal with migrants. This will be shown on "Four Corners" on Saturday, June 11, on Channel 2.

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REVESBY Methodist under-14 players are a keen lot. Every Tuesday night they travel to Bankstown Oval to watch Bankstown's first team training. No doubt they will benefit from their keenness.

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SOUTH Coast United's new centre-forward Charles Dickson, who made his debut against APIA last Sunday, had only stepped off the ship from England seven hours before the kick-off. Understandably, he had a quiet debut as he hadn't trained for five weeks. Dickson, a Scotsman who played for Dunfermline Athletic, will settle in Wollongong with his wife and three children.

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NICK Cosettini, the rugged Italian fullback of Melita Eagles, suffered a gashed eyebrow against Sydney Austral last Saturday and had to be taken to hospital to have a few stitches inserted after the match.

Last week's amateur results

FIRST DIVISION

Artarmon v. Wenty Waratahs 2-4, 0-2; Concordia v. Thistle 2-1, 0-8; Belmore v. Marconi 0-6, 1-1; South Sydney v. Lane Cove 2-1, 1-1; Manly v. North Bankstown 2-1, 3-0.

SECOND DIVISION

Sydney University v. Padstow RSL 4-2, 3-1; Ryde v. East Sydney Atlantic 1-1, 2-1; NS-Inter won on forfeit against Lidcombe in both grades; Marrickville v. University NSW 6-1, 6-1; NS-Inter v. Auburn Junors 5-1, 1-4; Granville Kewpies v. Lidcombe 2-4, 5-3.

THIRD DIVISION

Willoughby Wanderers v. Arncliffe Scots 2-1, 2-1; Penrith v. Warringah Saints 1-1, 1-4; Liverpool City v. Riverside Rapids 3-1, 1-3; Western Suburbs v. Gymea 2-1, 5-0; Yagoona v. Guildford 1-1, 3-1.

FOURTH DIVISION

Liverpool Inter v. Granville All Stars 2-2, 0-5; Dee Why v. Bankstown R.S.L. 13-0, 2-3; Smithfield v. East Side 1-3, 3-0; Blacktown Spurs v. Condell Park 1-0, 1-0.

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SA: Perin 201, Chiappin 104, Di Bartolo 39, Serafini 27, Herczeg 15, Baggio 13, West 6.

Qld: Keen 50, Snaith 46, Clementson 25, Clarke 23.

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WA: Segon 75.

Tas: Morosini 26, Gazzignato 3, Streit 3.

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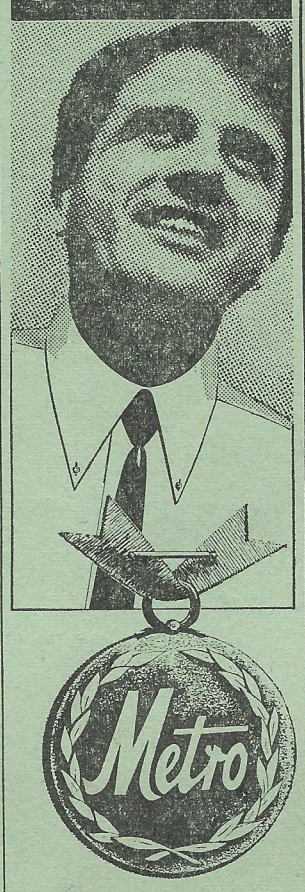

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SECOND GRADE

YUGAL: Jurcan, G. Clancy, Crbavski, Pataki, Knezevich, Stosich, Djukic, Glenday, P. Clancy, Efinoski. **Goal:** Clancy.

HAKOAH: Wilson, B. Berne, Smith, Whitehead, Cooney, Coutts, Parkin, Thomson, Reid, Bogey, Gold. **Goal:** Reid.

Referee: A Sorbie.

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CUMBERLAND: Brommett, Haggett, Penfold, Bryce, Addison, Charlton, O'Neill, Gallagher, D. Keen, Brownlie, Grant. **Goals:** D. Keen, Brownlie.

CORINTHIANS: Bathurst, Clarke, Gray, Maughan, Coverdale, Smee, Stanton, Taylor, Williams, Greenyear, Preece.

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ST. GEORGE: Clarke, Wills, Murphy, De Bruin, Morgan, Bird, Hillhouse, Piggott, Sandell, Burt, Nutley. **Goal:** Sandell.

CROATIA: Fraser, Bonazza, Snedden, Nadj, R. Cush, Tomicic, Swoboda, Dove, F. Cush, Guerrera, Gerbona. **Goal:** Guerrera.

Referee: G. Gibbons.

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PAN HELLENIC: Rademacher, Walker, Omeros, McKnight, Mallard, Henson, Hannan, Patrinos, Tracey, Kazacos, McCulloch. **Goals:** Hannan, Tracey (2), McCulloch.

PRAGUE: King, Patterson, R. Rootsey, Falzon, Hiron, Miner, Fineberg, Tracey, Lissing, Beard, Robins. **Goal:** Hiron.

Referee: H. Parsons.

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APIA: Allen, Callaghan, Ackerley, Pride, Ledezma, Parker, McKinnon, Butler, Garcia, Campbell, Giacometti II. **Goals:** Garcia (2), Butler, Campbell.

SCU: Nuell, Malason, Kerr, Sherwin, Orphin, Barnaba, Tolhurst, Tierney, Tweedle, Davis, Lodge. **Goal:** Davis.

Referee: J. Scarborough.

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THIRD GRADE

CORINTHIANS: Gorman, Campbell, Clarke, Woods, Waldman, Cottle, Stewart, McAleese, Sambrook, Ambrose, C. Clapton.

CUMBERLAND: Hopkins, Williams, Wall, Quested, Richards, Fairlie, Maes, Hartshorne, Crocker, Entwhistle, Vincent. **Goals:** Entwhistle (3), Crocker (2), Hartshorne, Maes, Vincent.

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YUGAL: R. Urge, Pearce, Wozniak, Kraft, Tomic, Zivkovic, Cirpanich, Skiskovic, G. Glenday, Volar, Urge. **Goals:** G. Glenday (3).

HAKOAH: Jackman, Bauer, Mitford, Scicluna, Migliacio, Devine, Reichard, Lakmaker, Hood, V. Berne, Perry. **Goals:** Hood (3).

Referee: G. Naylor.

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ST. GEORGE: Ball, Petratos, Champion, Grant, Matthews, Ralph, Pascoe, Bushby, Norris, Mansfield, Wood.

CROATIA: J. Saric, M. Saric, Phillips, Stuart, Alce, Gunns, Allegra, Sinkec, Aversa, N. Kakakios.

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PAN HELLENIC: Thomson, Nicolopoulos, Demitros, Frame, Petrou, Mouhtazis, Demos, Vrolyks, Bardetta, Coleman, Szatmari. **Goals:** Bardetta (2).

PRAGUE: Teach, Craig, L. Rootsey, J. Rootsey, Purcell, Scarfone, Armitage, Roberts, Lowry, Smith, Constable. **Goals:** Armitage, Lowry.

Referee: S. Liebermann.

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APIA: Mora, Ardouin, Brailey, Browning, Williams, Butler, Garth, Massi, Heywood, Marchetto, Campany. **Goals:** Browning, Garth, Massi, Campany.

SCU: Gerard, Whitefield, Johnson, T. Weekes, Meredith, Bott, Martin, Gerdicke, M. Weekes, Henry, McCann. **Goal:** McCann.

Referee: L. Rae.

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"MEDICALS" CAN SAFEGUARD PLAYERS' HEALTH

— By D. JACKSON, L.Ch., S.R.Ch., A.M.A.Ch.S. —

I have always held the belief that the foundation of any program for the prevention of injury at any level, be it junior or first team, is a complete pre-season medical examination of every player.

I say at every level because though there may be a big difference in the ability between a player in the colts and one in the senior team, the chance of injury is equally relative and therefore the precautions against injury are basically the same.

It does not matter how physically sound a player may appear or even claim to be, he should be given the same "medical" as any other member of the squad.

The stress of highly competitive soccer today can and will expose any physical deficiencies not suspected under normal conditions, and the trainer, coach and team physician can discover potential problems before they result in injury.

I would recommend that the medical should be carried out before the season.

This would be best done by a group of physicians which include a general practitioner, and orthopedic specialist and a heart specialist.

I am fully aware that not every club could afford such a medical check-up, but at least it is a goal that should be aimed for.

The medical should consist of each player having a record card giving not only facts such as age — height — weight, but a medical history.

The history would cover evidence of concussion, unconsciousness, fracture, dislocations, muscle injuries, illness, heart conditions and operations.

We would also check joint abnormalities and scar tissue that may be detrimental.

Each player would be given an eye examination and if he wears glasses or contact lenses, a record of his vision recorded.

Examination of head and neck, checking scalp, ears, nose, eyes, throat, teeth and tongue carried out plus the palpating of the neck to check for goitre and lymph nodes.

The check of the heart and lungs would include the usual blood pressure checks, examination of the abdomen and genitals for hernia.

Reflexes would be tested during examination of the extremities.

The above records could be revised and the physician order a laboratory test if he thinks such a test is indicated.

Such tests might include chest X-ray, E.K.G., blood counts, analysis of urine and X-rays.

A tetanus inoculation annually for each player should be a must.

The completed forms and clinical reports, X-rays and relevant literature would become a permanent record, so that the club has an annual report on all players.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH OUR BOYS?

— By PAUL DEAN —

From time to time one hears — even published in this very newspaper — proudly announced figures about the rise in numbers among junior teams.

This would lead one to believe that we are succeeding in establishing a healthy "hinterland" from which, in years to come, we will get our top senior players.

Sad to say, this may not be so.

The NSW Federation has been going on now for nine years and yet the number of established, talented players who have come through the junior ranks is extremely small.

Will this situation change and will we, in the next five or 10 years, be flooded with locally produced talent?

Somehow I feel that there are two factors to prevent this:

- The attitude of today's juniors to socer, and —
- Our attitude to today's juniors.

Allow me to go back in time and illustrate my point with some personal experiences.

Played anywhere

In my youth in Europe I played soccer for years, starting in school teams and graduating to a third division club.

The period lasted some 12 years or so and while I never gained fame, fortune or even special distinction, I enjoyed every moment of it.

We played during breaks between classes at school, we played after school in the parks, we played on Saturdays and Sundays, in heat and rain and mud and snow.

Our goalposts were often trees or schoolcaps placed on the ground, causing endless arguments whether the shot was "too high" or just right.

We didn't give a damn where we played and with what.

We used a proper ball if we could, often patched up and sewn together.

We used small balls, even tennis balls for impromptu matches, but often enough we were ready to kick a bundle rolled into a "ball" from silk stockings.

No soccer boots

I cannot recall any of my mates ever getting any encouragement at all.

My father used to tell me that soccer was not a "gentleman's sport", my teachers used to admonish me for the disparity in time I had spent on soccer and studying.

In all those years, I never owned a pair of soccer boots, a jersey or a shin pad.

In school we played in our own boots and later our club provided us with some battered old soccer boots which we treasured.

Our jerseys were usually faded, patched and certainly unglamorous.

But we played on, without material rewards or any hope of great success — because we loved it.

Now look at today's youth in this lucky country . . .

Boys, as soon as they join a club at the age of seven, are "registered" and fully equipped.

About March each year you, the father, take the boy by the hand and go to a store where you buy him an expensive pair of soccer boots, the same brand that Real Madrid players wear.

"Starlet" attitude

He gets a jersey with a number on the back, socks, shorts, shinpads and mouthguard.

On a week day after school, your wife drives your brilliant seven-year-old starlet to "training", then picks him up two hours later.

Your wife does the shopping on Friday so that you can both go with the boy on Saturday to his match.

At the ground they strip, get into their togs, tighten their bootlaces, put on their shinpads and slip in their mouthguards.

When the referee — a properly clad, properly registered referee, mind you — gives the signal, your boy and his team trot on a proper field with proper goals and markings, place a proper ball in the centre circle and start a match lasting 40 minutes.

At half time the fussing mothers hand out cut up oranges, a nervous team manager gives out "instructions" and back they go for more.

Everything is organised, neatly and securely, and everything appears to be a huge improvement on my days of some 25 or 30 years ago.

But is it really?

My humble view is, after having tried one and now witnessing the other weekly, that today's youngsters are hopelessly spoilt, over-pampered and ruined.

It may be due to today's affluent society, it may be due to the spreading disease called "momism" but whatever it's due to, it exists.

I am all for giving young boys every help and encouragment they need to develop their soccer skills.

It is only natural that travelling by car is faster and better than it was with trains and buses and trams.

Wearing soccer boots, kicking a proper ball and playing on a soccer pitch are all superior to ordinary winter boots, shapeless, patched up heaps of leather and tree-packed parks respectively.

Ambitious parents

But all this still doesn't turn a boy into a soccer player.

Shinguards are basically a good idea but don't make up for a much rehearsed technique of passing the ball with the right part of the foot.

In brief: the appearance is better, the quality worse.

Watching dozens of boys play each weekend I often get the inescapable feeling that it's their parents, not the boys themselves, who harbor the necessary measure of ambition.

The boys, from the age of seven upwards, are "cracks," "stars" and "celebrities" in their own right and act accordingly.

If not given their usual berth in the team for some reason, they get offended, even resort to "go slow" tactics until their parents "approach" the unfortunate man in charge and beg him to "play Johnny at No. 9."

Soccer, to be played well, must be loved to the point of obsession.

I don't think this is the case with today's boys.

They, so to say, start at the top and work their way down.

Our ambition as kids was to wear real soccer boots, use a proper 18-panel ball and play our matches on fields with markings and goal posts with nets on.

Nobody took much notice of us until one boy or the other, at the age of 16 or so, started to show real promise.

So we had something to strive for.

But what can an under-7 "star" of today hope to get in 15 years time?

He already has the right equipment, gear and facilities as well as the "recognition" of his family circle, school or even if it's only limited to neighbours.

He doesn't have to compete to get into a team — if there are more boys, they simply form another team.

Tired at 16

Is it then any wonder that at the age of 16 or 17, thousands of these young "stars" tire of soccer and join the vast armada of those who simply vanish for good, taking up surfing, go-go dancing or some other activity?

I know it's dangerous to generalise, but I venture to say that today's young boys regard soccer as a mere recreation, not as a darned good competitive sport.

Just watch those kids at senior matches, either with their fathers or in packs.

Quite often they gain free admission to the sidelines at big games so that they can watch and learn.

From the age of 10 or so in Europe we used to watch our stars' every move and would never take our eyes off in case we missed something.

Today the boys wander around buying ice creams and soft drinks, play "chase" and romp around, quite oblivious of the game in progress.

But I go even further: very many of our third grade team players of first division clubs also show a great disinterest in the game itself.

As soon as their own game is over, they shower and dress and by 1.30 have left the field, not bothering to wait for the first grade match.

The picture I painted here is gloomy and dark and I don't apologise for it.

We all want to find the reason why soccer can't move ahead in this country.

As the matter now stands, our soccer set-up on junior level is one big paradox.

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But we have precious few soccer players . . .

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